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SUBJECT Political Attitudes and Activities Among Czechoslovak Refugees in Germany.			DATE 23 April 1953
<p>PERTINENT INFORMATION</p> <p>(Above referenced document is held at Czech desk)</p> <p>Information on subject, <u>General Lev PRCHALA</u>, is extracted from the above referenced document.</p> <p>2. Anticommunism as an expression of Czech or Slovak nationalism. On the Czech side, it is General Prchala who can be termed as its representative. General PRCHALA is a Czech officer who did not return home after the last war because of political differences with Dr. Benes. His followers make up a tiny group among our exiles. The judgements on General's qualities as a soldier run diametrically, but there is no doubt about his political capabilities among the democratic exiles. The legend that grew around him as an immediate consequence of the first disappointment after February has mostly evaporated since. General PRCHALA is said by the people who know him to be a man of very limited views who has no political sense; he is said to have no democratic convictions, and, besides, he suffers from something like megalomania. His political reasoning is embryonic and naive. He refuses to recognize the necessity of political parties in democracy; he flatters the Sudeten Germans for reasons of his personal ambition which is both unreasonable and irresponsible. His negotiations with the Slovak separatist fraction of Mr. A. FRIDAVOK in London are too hasty to be considered seriously. His followers in Czechoslovakia are scanty and the democratic exile groups do not count with him either. His worshippers do not know him personally; they regard him as the most outspoken anti-communist and form their own illusions about his personality which disappear as soon as they come in contact with reality. It is our opinion that General PRCHALA will go to the history of our emigration as a little episode.</p> <p>General Prchala's group is exploiting the fact of his long emigration and absence from his own country and has some financial means at disposal. It has its own paper "Cesky boj" published in London. His followers are recruited from emigrants who left Czechoslovakia partly before the last war, but mostly who left between the years 1945-47. It is characteristic that they generally live outside the camps. They found in London Czech National Committee which operates also in the U.S. Zone and has nothing in common with Czechoslovak Relief Committee.</p> <p>Prchala's group accepts the Slovak separatism, supports it on account of common ideological affinity, and they plan together a Central European Federation. General Prchala acts entirely with the people of his kind. They are nationalist in outlook, their emotional and ideological background is quite opposed to the ideas on which a healthy and organic federation could arise. The real motives behind Prchala's federation plans are opportunist in character. The idea of federation, if the latter is to be workable, presupposes supra-national feeling and democratic thinking; it pre-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Continued on page 2)</p>			
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supposes the super-session of nationalism, not its assertion which - in its substance - is a national egoism.

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